Listing and Amendments to the Claims

Please **rewrite** claims 1-2, 4-5, 7 and 9 as indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) Optical recording medium comprising at least two information carrier layers, on which information can be written by means of a focused light beam, a separating layer arranged between said information carrier layers, and a transparent covering layer, which is arranged between said information carrier layer and a surface of the recording medium and whose thickness substantially exceeds that of said information carrier layer, wherein ~~both~~ each information carrier ~~layers are~~ layer is semi-transparent.

2. (Currently Amended) Optical recording medium according to claim 1, wherein ~~both~~ each information carrier ~~layers~~ layer can be read from both sides, but can be written to ~~only~~ from only one side in each case.

3. (Previously Presented) Optical recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the total transmission factor of an information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer is lower than the lowest transmission factor that allows to pass through said information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer a quantity of light being sufficient for a writing operation on the other information carrier layer.

4. (Currently Amended) Optical recording medium comprising two information carrier layers, on which information can be written by means of a focused light beam, a separating layer arranged between said information carrier layers, and a transparent covering layer, which is arranged between said information carrier layer and a surface of the recording medium and whose thickness substantially exceeds that of said information carrier layer, wherein both information carrier layers are semi-transparent ~~according to claim 1~~, wherein

the total transmission factor of an information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer is lower than the lowest transmission factor that allows to pass through said information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer a quantity of light being sufficient for a writing operation on the other information carrier layer.

5. (Currently Amended) Optical recording medium according to claim 4, wherein the transmission factor of ~~the~~ each information carrier layer ~~layers, given the presence of two information carrier layers,~~ is less than 10 %.

6. (Original) Optical recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the separating layer (8) has at least one further information carrier layer.

7. (Currently Amended) Optical recording medium comprising two information carrier layers, on which information can be written by means of a focused light beam, a separating layer arranged between said information carrier layers, and a transparent covering layer, which is arranged between said information carrier layer and a surface of the recording medium and whose thickness substantially exceeds that of said information carrier layer, wherein both information carrier layers are semi-transparent and wherein the transmission factor of ~~the~~ each of said two information carrier layers~~, given the presence of two information carrier layers,~~ is less than 10 %.

8. (Original) Optical recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the information carrier layers are write-once layers.

9. (Currently Amended) Optical recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the writable information carrier layers have a preformatted track, ~~whose~~ the rotational sense of each track, viewed from the same side, is unidirectional, and whose directional sense is one of unidirectional and opposed.